



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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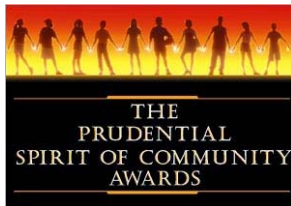
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Welcome to Friday Night Facts! For the last few weeks the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives' staff stepped in and ran the day to day operations of our office while I attended to the details of the untimely death of my husband, James. It was such a great comfort to know that while I was away from the office, it was still operating at the level and quality of work that is always provided to the citizens of Indiana. I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated group of people who can be counted on when needed.



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Honoring Outstanding Community Service
by Young Americans



Over the past 11 years, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards have been given to more than 1,700 middle level and high school students across Indiana for helping the less fortunate, promoting health and safety, protecting the environment, and serving their communities through many other volunteer activities. Last week the search began to identify more young Hoosiers who have made meaningful contributions to their communities over the past 12 months, as the prestigious awards program kicks off its 12th year.

These awards, presented nationwide by Prudential Financial, Inc. in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 through 12. Application forms for The 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards will be available over the next two months through middle level and high schools. Girl Scout councils, county 4-H agents, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and member Volunteer Centers of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. They also may be obtained at www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential, or by calling 1-888-450-9961.

Students must submit completed applications by October 31, 2006. Then, participating schools and local organizations will select Local Honorees and present them with Certificates of Achievement. These Local Honorees also will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation if they have contributed the minimum number of volunteer hours to qualify (50 hours for age 14 and younger, 100 hours for those older). All Local Honorees are then reviewed by a state-level judging committee, which will name the top two candidates from each state and the District of Columbia—one high school student and one middle level student—as state Honorees on February 13, 2007. These State honorees will receive \$1,000 awards, engraved silver medallions, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, with a parent for four days of recognition events May 5-8, 2007. Runners-up at the state level will receive bronze medallions or Certificates of Excellence.

In May 2007, a distinguished national selection committee will name America's top 10 youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive additional awards of \$5,000, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from the Prudential Foundation for nonprofit, charitable organizations of their choice. **Don't forget the application deadline is October 31, 2006.**



Rx for Indiana Outreach

Rx For Indiana is a program that connects qualified, low-income people with discount prescription medicines, direct from the pharmaceutical manufacturer. Representatives from Rx For Indiana will be at the following locations for those who wish to enroll in this program.

September 23, 2006	11:30 to 4:00 (EST)	Community Information Fair, Lafayette Square Mall 3919 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN
October 2, 2006	10:30 to Noon (EST)	Anderson Public Library, 111 East 12 Street Anderson, IN
October 10, 2006	11:00 to 12:30 (CST)	Starke County Public Library, 152 W. Culver Road Knox, IN
October 16, 2006	1:00 to 2:30 (EST)	Nappanee Public Library, 157 North Main Street Nappanee, IN
October 23, 2006	1:00 to 2:30 (EST)	Fayette County Library, 828 Grand Avenue Connersville, IN
October 30, 2006	2:30 to 4:00 (EST)	Marion Public Library, 600 South Washington Street Marion, IN

2006 Opportunity Conference

The US Department of Labor will host an Opportunity Conference focused on economic opportunities for the Asian Pacific, Hispanic, and African American communities. The 2006 Opportunity Conference will be held **Tuesday, October 17, 2006** in Philadelphia, PA.

Celebrating the contributions of the nation's diverse communities, the Opportunity Conference will emphasize key components of economic development, small business development, and working with federal, state, and local governments. U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao and Lurita A. Doan, Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration, are expected to be among the featured speakers.

This national, one-day conference is **FREE OF CHARGE** and co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor; the Pan Asian-American Leadership Caucus; the League of United Latin American Citizens; and the National Urban League.

Online registration is available at www.OpportunityConference.gov

Availability of Bird Flu Personal Protection Kits

These kits are designed to protect against communicable diseases, such as the Bird Flu, but can also be used for everyday use to prevent germs spread by coughing, sneezing or by hand. Each kit includes: 100 Latex-free medical grade exam gloves; 20 N95 face masks with respirator; 2 protective eye shields; 160 germicidal wipes for disinfecting hard surfaces and 135 Anti-microbial hand sanitizer wipes. The kits are now available for \$70 each and will last one person at least a month. For more information, please visit www.inarf.org/state_use/ or call INARF at 317-634-4957.



MEDICARE

Access Network eBriefing

With the next enrollment period for the Medicare prescription drug benefit just around the corner, we wanted to provide you with information that might be relevant to you or a member of your family. We have also included a list of upcoming events in which you can attend in order to become better informed about Medicare Part D.

Appeals and Exceptions Process:

What happens if one of your medications is not covered by your Medicare prescription drug plan? Here are the steps you will need to take, says the Medicare Rx Access Network of Indiana, a partnership of 46 organizations that educates about the Medicare prescription drug benefit. First, contact your plan for a Coverage Determination. Your medication may be covered and it may just be human error or a mistyped command. You or an appointed representative (such as a family member or your doctor) can make the request for a Coverage Determination.

If your request for a Coverage Determination comes back as a denial, work with your doctor to see if there is another medication on your plan's list of approved drugs (formulary) that would be appropriate. If there is no appropriate alternative, you can request an exception or file an appeal.

A formulary exception: In general, plans must grant exceptions if the drug is medically necessary and must respond to a request within 72 hours for a standard request and within 24 hours for an expedited request. Asking for an exception is appropriate when the medication on the formulary is not medically appropriate for you, would cause adverse reactions, or is an ineffective dosage. Your physician must submit a supporting statement with your request and, if approved, the plan can place the drug on the formulary at any cost-sharing level. Once a plan approves an exception, it is effective until the end of the year.

If your exception request is denied, you or your representative can ask the plan for a re-determination. This means that you appeal the exception request decision. You must do this within 60 days and the plan must issue a decision within seven days of your request.

If your re-determination request is denied, you can submit a reconsideration request. These requests are handled by an Independent Review Entity (IRE) and again must be submitted within 60 days of the plan's re-determination response. You will receive notice of the decision from the IRE.

If you disagree with the reconsideration decision you can ask for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. This request must be made within 60 days and the medication must cost at least \$110 in 2006.

If you disagree with the Administrative Law Judge's ruling you can then take your case to the Medicare Appeals Council who will review the decision.

The final step in this process is to take your appeal to federal court. The medication in question must cost at least \$1,090. It is a good idea, although not required, to have a lawyer help with this step. Two partners of the Medicare Rx Access Network of Indiana, the state's State Health Insurance Assistance Program and the Senior Law Project, can help guide you through the appeals process:

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program has counselors who can assist with the process and next steps. They can be reached at (800) 452-4800. The Senior Law Project has 20 attorneys specially trained in Medicare prescription-drug benefit appeals and are available to assist free of charge. They can be reached at (800) 869-0212.

While lengthy, the appeals process is designed to protect you.

Upcoming Events:

September 19, 2006	1 to 4 PM	Education Event, Generations, 1019 N. 4th Street in Vincennes
September 21, 2006	1 to 4 PM	Education Event, Generations, 1019 N. 4th Street in Vincennes
September 21, 2006	12:30 to 1:30 PM	Medicare Part D, Senior Information Fair, Community Center,
	5:30 to 6:30 PM	233 West Main Street in Fort Wayne
September 26, 2006	1 to 4 PM	Education Event, Generations, 1019 N. 4th Street in Vincennes



SAVI (www.savi.org) is a community information system that provides a web-based interface to access, map, and analyze a wealth of information, including demographics, health, education, economy, welfare, community assets, and more.

The SAVI Users Conference provides an opportunity for users to:

- Learn about new tools in SAVI.
- Discover how other users have harnessed the power of SAVI through new approaches.
- Participate in discussions about how SAVI can help your organization better understand its community.

It also is a great place for people new to SAVI to learn how it can help your organization.

This will be a very INTERACTIVE conference with opportunities for everyone to learn more about SAVI! Choose from several interactive and hands-on breakout sessions throughout the day and learn how SAVI can help you.

What:

Second Annual SAVI Users Conference
Understanding Your Community: New Tools, New Approaches

When:

9:00 am—3:30 pm
Friday, September 22, 2006

Where:

IUPUI Campus, Lecture Hall Building (LE)
[325 University Boulevard](#)
[Indianapolis, IN 46202](#)

Who:

All SAVI users and anyone interested in community information

Cost:

FREE

Registration:

Space is limited, so register now at
<http://www.savi.org/conference>

More Information:

Visit the conference website:
<http://www.savi.org/conference>

For more information about the conference, including the agenda, interactive breakout session descriptions, directions, and more, visit the conference website at:
<http://www.savi.org/conference> or call 274-2455.

Civic Engagement for the 21st Century Conference



A National Youth Conference and Dialogue
Come to Learn – Leave to Serve



Conference Topic Areas

Philanthropy
Hunger Relief
Democracy
Character Education
Asset Development
Peace & Justice
Violence Prevention

Youth Empowerment Through Civic Engagement and Leadership

October 25, 2006
National FFA Convention
Indiana Convention Center
Indianapolis, IN
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

No Charge. Limited Availability.
Register now at 317-802-4402
or dspight@ffa.org

